



MAYOR AND COUNCIL AGENDA

NO. 10

DEPT.: / City Clerk's Office

DATE: September 27, 2004

ACTION:

Proclamation declaring October as STAMP
COLLECTING MONTH in Rockville

ACTION STATUS:

FOR THE MEETING OF: 10/04/04

INTRODUCED

PUB. HEARING

INSTRUCTIONS

APPROVED

EFFECTIVE

ROCKVILLE CITY CODE,

CHAPTER

SECTION

☐ CONSENT AGENDA

RECOMMENDATION:

IMPACT: ☐ Environmental ☐ Fiscal ☐ Neighborhood ☒ Other:

BACKGROUND:

Mike Mogil, a resident of King Farm, will accept the Proclamation. Mr. Mogil's photograph of altocumulus clouds over his former residence on Baylor Avenue in College Gardens is one of fifteen pictures of clouds from all over the United States featured on a series of Cloud Stamps to be issued by the United States Postal Service in Quincy, Massachusetts on October 4, 2004.

The issuance is timely since, for many years October has been proclaimed nationally as National Stamp Collecting Month. This popular hobby, which is enjoyed by millions of Americans, is considered a fun and educational way for people of all ages to learn about the people, places and things that have shaped our country's heritage.

PREPARED BY:

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9/29/04
Date

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS:

1. Proclamation
2. "Rockville Reports" Article about Mr. Mogil
3. Picture depicting the "Cloudscapes" stamp with Mr. Mogil's stamp circled



WHEREAS, more than 150 years ago, American commemorative stamps began honoring the people, places and events that have shaped our country's history; and

WHEREAS, more than 22 million Americans today, including many children, collect stamps and learn about our country and the world community through the collection and study of stamps from all over the globe; and

WHEREAS, stamps honor statesmen and soldiers as they fought for freedom and democracy, recognize our scientific and technological achievements, pay tribute to our country's artistic legacy, and celebrate the strength of our diversity; and

WHEREAS, it is understood that the people, places, and events shaping America's destiny today will be the subjects of United States commemorative stamps tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rockville is fortunate enough to have one of its own citizens, H. Michael Mogil, honored by the issuance of a stamp of his own design featuring a photograph of altocumulus clouds over his former residence on Baylor Avenue in the College Gardens neighborhood, as one of fifteen "Cloud Stamps" to be issued by the United States Postal Service on October 4, 2004 and,

WHEREAS, Stamp Collecting Month will be proclaimed by public officials throughout our nation as citizens honor the past and celebrate the prospect of future stamps, empowering our children and future generations to study our history and learn from it,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LARRY GIAMMO, Mayor, along with the Council of the City of Rockville, in keeping with the spirit of supporting this important activity and especially in light of Mr. Mogil's accomplishment, do hereby proclaim October as "**STAMP COLLECTING MONTH**" in Rockville.

Mayor Larry Giammo
Councilmember Robert E. Dorsey
Councilmember John F. Hall, Jr.
Councilmember Susan R. Hoffmann
Councilmember Anne M. Robbins
October 4, 2004

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CITY ISSUES

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Weather Watcher Puts His Postmark on the Mail

H. Michael "Mike" Mogil, an 18-year, City of Rockville resident, will be honored by the U.S. Postal Service this month for helping to make the skies over Rockville famous.

From the front yard of his former home on Baylor Avenue, Mogil photographed an unusual Altocumulus Undulatus cloud. That image was chosen to be distributed to millions across the country as a new U.S. Postal Stamp.

Two ceremonies to recognize his and 14 other cloud stamps are expected to take place in early October in Boston and Rockville. Other sky events are being planned in Colorado and other locales nationwide.

"Clouds are awesome. They tell us much about the weather and atmosphere. And they make beautiful pieces of art, especially on stamps," said Mogil. "I've waited 15 years to get to this moment."

Mogil, a certified consulting meteorologist, became determined to get clouds on stamps while talking with a fellow cloud enthusiast in 1989. After submitting a petition containing some 3,000 signatures in support of the stamp idea, he heard nothing from the Postal Service until seven years later. Then he worked with the Postal Service for several more years to create a package of cloud stamps and their descriptions. Finally, late



King Farm resident Mike Mogil holds a picture of the stamps featuring images of clouds that will be released this month. Mogil took one of the cloud stamp photos from his former home on Baylor Avenue and worked 15 years to have the U.S. Postal Service adopt a stamp series on clouds.

in 2003, Mogil learned that the stamp idea had become a reality through an article in *The Washington Post*.

"It said the U.S. Postal Service was going to release stamps about clouds. I think I was on the phone telling people about it for a whole day," he said.

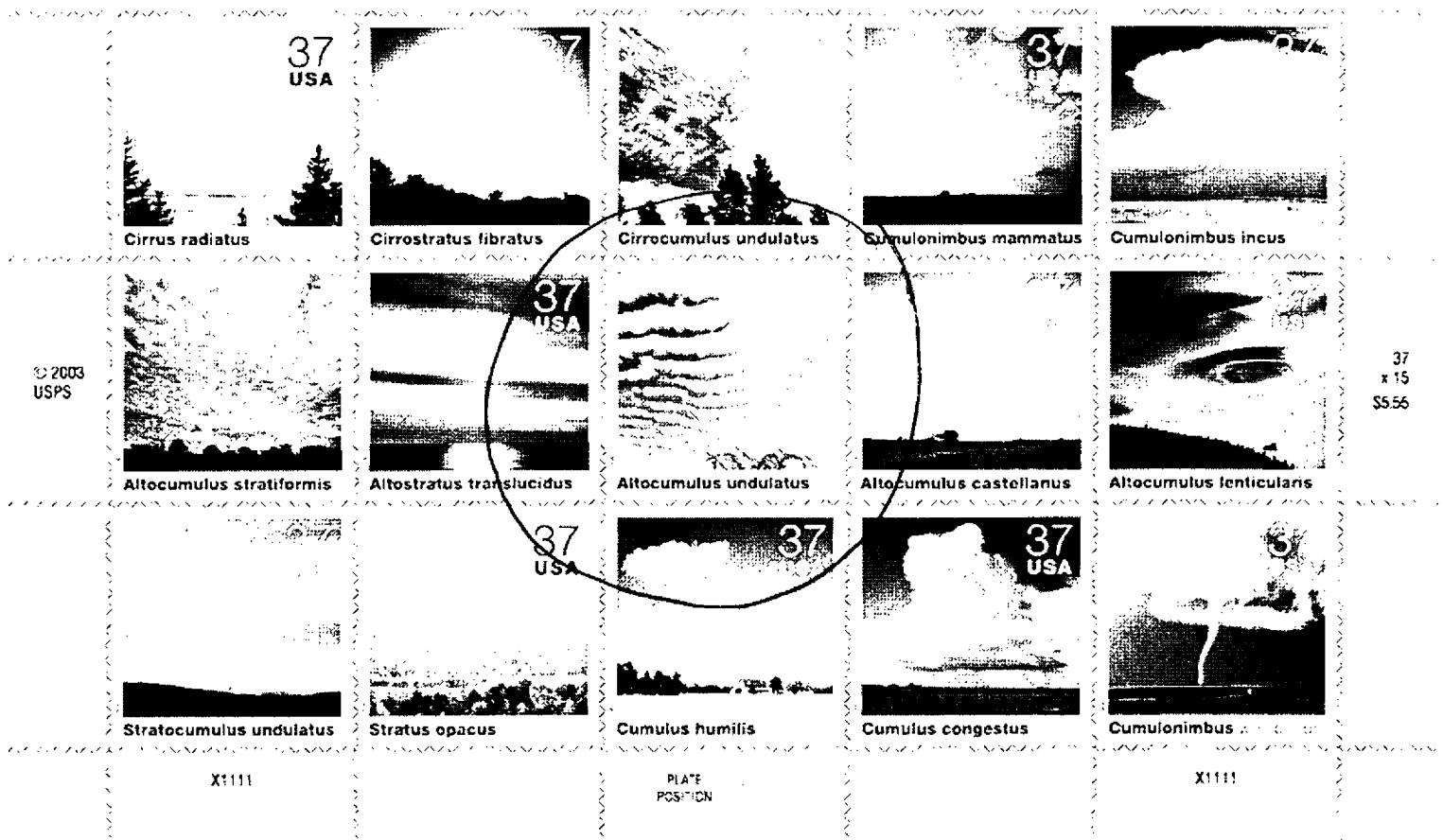
In addition to helping with the stamp project, Mogil lives each day passionately teaching anyone who will listen about weather. Through his company based in Rockville, *How the Weatherworks*, he helps others learn about science as a fo-

rensic meteorologist, as the editor of a children's science magazine and as producer of educational products for classrooms.

"I've wanted to be a meteorologist ever since I was in fourth grade," he said. "I was in my home in New York City and we were buffeted with hurricane winds. I watched stuff fly by my window and thought 'This is cool, I want to be a weatherman.'" He has been living his dream for 50 years now.

Mogil continues to photograph clouds from his porch at his home in King Farm. RR

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